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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MEASURING AND CONTROLLING  
THE CIRCULATION OF FLUIDS IN ENDOSCOPE CHANNELS

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application:

(1) French Patent Application Publication No. FR 2 705 896. Applicants note that this document is cited beginning in paragraph [0008] of the specification of the present application.

Further, Applicants note the items cited in the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/FR03/00479, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. As copies of the International Search Report (in English and French) were enclosed

with the papers when entering the National Stage on December 22, 2004, the Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

In particular, the International Examiner cited the following documents:

- (2) French Patent Application Publication No. FR 2 803 755;
- (3) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 945 140, together with patent family members U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0182105 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0064479;
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-65607, together with an English language abstract of the same; and
- (5) International Patent Application Publication No. WO 93/24046.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Except for cited U.S. patent application publications, copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed, and all items have been listed on the attached and duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these listed documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	English Language Abstract of JP 2002-065607.

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